

**House File 422 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a long-term care system task force.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. LONG-TERM CARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE.

2     1. A long-term care system task force is established in  
3 the department on aging. The membership of the task force  
4 shall include but is not limited to representatives of the  
5 departments of aging, human services, and inspections and  
6 appeals, the state long-term care resident's advocate, service  
7 consumers and advocates, residential care facility providers,  
8 nursing facility providers, and home care providers. The  
9 task force shall also include four legislators to serve as ex  
10 officio, nonvoting members, with one each appointed by the  
11 majority leader and minority leader of the senate, and the  
12 speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives.

13     2. The task force review of the state's long-term care  
14 system shall include but is not limited to all of the  
15 following:

16     a. Staffing practices, including the need for nurses,  
17 certified nurse aides, and certified medication aides.

18     b. Options for licensing facilities to provide specialized  
19 care for individuals with behavioral challenges, dual  
20 diagnoses, and other special needs.

21     c. The adequacy of the funding resources available for  
22 providing long-term care services and other support and options  
23 for prioritizing investments in infrastructure to ensure  
24 individuals in this state with need for such services and other  
25 support are able to receive the needed amount in the setting of  
26 their choice.

27     d. The adequacy of current cost-reporting requirements and  
28 options for establishing a standard reporting system that spans  
29 regulatory agencies and funding streams.

30     3. The task force shall report to the governor and general  
31 assembly with findings and recommendations on or before  
32 December 15, 2011.

33                                   EXPLANATION

34     This bill establishes a long-term care system task force in  
35 the department on aging. The task force membership is required

1 to include representatives of various state agencies, service  
2 consumers and advocates, service providers, and legislators.

3     The task force is required to review various specific  
4 aspects of the long-term care system and to report to the  
5 governor and general assembly on or before December 15, 2011.